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TO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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TAGS:ETRD, JM

SUBJECT:BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

REF: STATE 182624

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1. GOJ EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS FORWARDED SUGGESTED

AMENDMENTS TO APRIL 15, 1976 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSNDING  
TO DEPARTMENT. EMBASSY OFFICIAL (BRYAN) TOLD DEPT. OFF.  
THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE USG HAD PROPOSED NOTE TO GOJ  
FORMALIZING AGREEMENT REACHED DURING APRIL CONSULTATIONS.

2. WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE REVIEWED SUGGESTED CHANGES  
AND FIND THEM ACCEPTABLE. DEPT. HAS INFORMED GOJ  
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EMBASSY THAT WE WOULD FORWARD REVISED DRAFT TO KINGSTON  
SO THAT REVISIONS COULD BE INCORPORATED INTO PROPOSED  
NOTE.

3. SUGGEST EMBASSY INFORM GOJ THAT REVISIONS SUGGESTED  
THROUGH GOJ EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ACCEPTABLE TO USG,

AND REVISE TEXT OF NOTE AS INDICATED BELOW. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ESTIMATE OF WHEN GOJ WILL BE PREPARED TO FINALIZE AGREEMENT.

4. REVISED TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE EXCELLENCY:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES DONE AT GENEVA ON DECEMBER 10, 1973, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE ARRANGEMENT. I ALSO REFER TO THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS IN JAMAICA ON APRIL 14, AND 15, 1976 CONCERNING EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM JAMAICA TO THE UNITED STATES. AS A RESULT OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS, AND IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLES 2, 4 AND 6 OF THE ARRANGEMENT, I WISH TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT RELATING TO TRADE IN TEXTILES BETWEEN JAMAICA AND THE UNITED STATES.

1. EITHER GOVERNMENT MAY AT ANY TIME REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH THE OTHER REGARDING THEIR MUTUAL TEXTILE TRADE.

2. EACH GOVERNMENT AGREES TO RESPOND PROMPTLY TO REQUESTS BY THE OTHER FOR CONSULTATIONS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN AND CONCLUDE SUCH CONSULTATIONS WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE REQUEST, UNLESS THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE OTHERWISE.

3. IN ANY CONSULTATIONS THAT MAY ARISE, THE GOVERNMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL RECOGNIZE JAMAICA'S POSITION AS A TRADITIONAL SUPPLIER OF TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES MARKET AND, IN ADDITION, WILL SEEK TO FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT MEASURES WHICH WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE MULTIFIBRE ARRANGEMENT AND WHICH WILL ENABLE THE JAMAICAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY TO IMPLEMENT ITS PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT CAUSE OR THREATEN TO CAUSE MARKET DISRUPTION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

4. IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSIDERS THAT IMPORTS FROM JAMAICA IN ANY COTTON OR MAN-MADE FIBER CATEGORY ARE INCREASING SO AS TO CAUSE A RISK IN THE UNITED STATES OF MARKET DISRUPTION, BEARING IN MIND ANNEX A OF THE MULTIFIBER ARRANGEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MAY REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA.

5. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REQUEST SUCH CONSULTATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA SHALL MEET PROMPTLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION. THE

CONSULTATIONS SHALL BE CONCLUDED WITHIN SIXTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE REQUEST FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS UNLESS THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE OTHERWISE.

6. DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONSULTATIONS THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA WILL LIMIT ITS EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE CATEGORY OR CATEGORIES AFFECTED TO A MONTHLY RATE EQUIVALENT TO 120 PERCENT OF THE AVERAGE MONTHLY RATE OF THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS.

7. CONSULTATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 4 WILL NOT BE REQUESTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR ANY CATEGORY WHEN IMPORTS FROM JAMAICA IN SUCH CATEGORY ARE AT ANNUAL LEVELS LESS THAN 1,000,000 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT FOR EACH CATEGORY OTHER THAN APPAREL AND 700,000 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT FOR EACH APPAREL CATEGORY.

8. IF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT ABLE TO AGREE ON THE LEVEL OF TRADE IN A PARTICULAR CATEGORY, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA WILL DURING THE 12 MONTHS FOLLOWING THE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS RESTRAIN ITS EXPORTS TO 120 PERCENT OF THEIR LEVEL FOR THE 12 MONTHS PRECEDING THE REQUEST. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO THIS PROVISION IN THE SPIRIT OF ARTICLE 6, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE MULTIFIBER ARRANGEMENT.

9. IN RESPECT TO WOOL TEXTILE PRODUCTS, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA AGREES TO CONSULT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IF IT DESIRES TO EXPORT MORE THAN 100,000 SQUARE YARDS ANNUALLY IN ANY CATEGORY.

10. DURING ANY CONSULTATIONS EITHER GOVERNMENT MAY REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT

PROVIDING QUANTITATIVE LEVELS COVERING ALL OR PART OF THEIR TEXTILE TRADE.

IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE OF ACCEPTANCE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF YOUR NOTE OF ACCEPTANCE.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY  
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

(ANNEX A REMAINS AS STATED REFTTEL). UNQUOTE.  
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